

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DC STATE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

**Developmental Disabilities Council, DDC Projects for Education and Early Intervention,
Quality Assurance, and Cross Cutting Activities for Individuals with Developmental
Disabilities and their Families.**

The DC State Development Disabilities Council (DDC) is a Mayoral appointed body established in accordance with the mandates of the DC Developmental Disabilities Basic State Grant Program. This grant program has as its legislative authority the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, P.L. 106-402 dated October 30, 2000.

The DDC promotes through systemic change, capacity building and advocacy activities, a consumer and family-centered comprehensive system, and a coordinated array of services, supports, and other assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The Council further promotes empowerment of and assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in their efforts to be independent, interdependent and included and contributing members of society.

The Council is soliciting proposals for projects that promote the goals and objectives identified in the Five Year State Plan of 2007-2011 approved by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Developmental Disabilities. Priority will be given to three projects which emphasize systems change and are likely to have an ongoing benefit to individuals with developmental disabilities after Council funding ends.

Applications are being requested from hospitals, licensed child care providers, non-profits, institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, community rehab facilities, and faith-based organizations. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Funds in the amount of \$178,000 are available to support grants awarded under this RFA. DDC will award one grant under this RFA, however partnerships are encouraged. The base period of performance will not exceed 12 months from the date of execution of the award. Projects are eligible for funding on an annual basis for up to three (3) years, contingent upon a favorable evaluation of the project and the availability of Council funds.

The Request for Application (RFA) will be available on June 28, 2007. Applications may be obtained from the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development Web site, www.opgd.dc.gov. Go to the link, District Grants Clearinghouse. Also on the 28th, applications may be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Burnett, Program Assistant for the Office of Grants Management at 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 6th floor. Please call: (202) 671-4407.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held on Friday, July 13, 2007 from 10:00am. to 12:00pm at the Department of Human Services Headquarters located at 64 New York Avenue, N.E., 6th Floor, Directors Conference room

The deadline for application submission is August 10, 2007 by 4:30 pm.